CALIFORNIANS HERE MEET.

MUCH EMOTION SHOWN AT THE CASINO GATHERING.

Mark Twain Presides and a Start Is Made Toward Organizing the Relief Work Many in the Audlence Interrupt the Speakers-Worry About Friends.

When the Californians now living in New York gathered in the Casino Theatre yesterday morning to perfect relief plans, their sense of loss-in most cases personal was so strong that the gathering turned into an experience meeting.

The Californians gathered early, and the spirit of sadness everywhere evident was at variance with the gay furnishings and the marches played by the orchestra while the theatre was filling. Strangers met and talked freely of each other's per-

Mark Twain, Henry Miller and Joseph D. Redding were standing on the stage when the curtain arose at 11:30 o'clock.

I shall not introduce myself to you, said Mr. Clemens, as he walked to the front of the stage, "because I think you already know me. I feel that I'm here with a mission; that I-and you-have work to do and so I shall only say of myself that I'm Samuel L. Clemens, a difficult name to remember, but take it home, if you will. Now let me first introduce a member of a profession ever first to the aid of the afflicted, Mr. Henry Miller."

Mr. Miller said the theatrical people wished to do something practical at once and that they needed the aid of every one in order that the coming benefit performance in the Casino Theatre on Sunday, April 29, would be "a telling effort to aid a part of the country our profession loves, because the people there have always shown in the past their love for us."

Mr. Miller said that Mrs. Fiske, Margaret Anglin, Arnold Daly, Blanche Bates, Henry Woodruff, De Wolf Hopper and many others had offered their services.

"Not forty-eight hours ago," said Mark Twain, "I pledged myself never to appear again before an audience that had to pay to come in. I don't think I'm departing from my promise, however, because this audience must pay, not to come in, but to go out. We shall not ask for contributions here, but only that you will carry away with you a disposition to come at once to the assistance of your suffering brothers and sisters."

It was when Mr. Clemens spoke of the future hopes of the city that his hearers seemed to find a vent for their pent up emotions. Men and women rose and cheered as the speaker said.

"Our city will-will-rise again! We who are of them know their hopeful spirit, their energy and enterprise. This energy remains, and because of it there will rise from ruin fair buildings and busy marts and beauty, a city even more beautiful than that which has gone.

"The heart of a nation is broken with grief. And there is one great class that will above all others respond to our appeal -the poor, I mean. The millionaire gives vast vast sums that go far toward helping, but his gifts are not 10 per cent. of what he has-much less than that. The poor gladly give half, three-quarters of their possessions, and it is by their dimes and quarters that the great fund will be swelled. In the committees you will appoint I want to see one particular body represented because they know the poor and under stand best how to help them-the Salvation Army

Mr. Redding boomed Mark Twain and then pointed out these relieving features

of the disaster: "First, the loss of life, when we consider the extent of the calamity, was really Secondly, the city was unique in that it had absolutely no bonded indebtedness when the blow care, and I trust I shall not be misunderstood when I say that there could really be no more Never was the city in so good a condition to withstand the shock and rise above it

Now, I want this meeting first to send a message to Mayor Schmitz to tell our brothers that this is not a time of annihilation but of reconstruction, and that San Francisco is now merely smoothed out, so that we may the better begin to

Three years ago, Mr. Redding said, San Francisco brought a Chicago architact named Burnham to the city to give all his time to beautifying it. The architect built a cabin for himself on Twin Beach, and in two years \$30,000,000 has been advanced by the city to further the architect's plans. Little progress had been made, however, because of the many rookeries in the city which the owners refused to clear out of the way.

Now that these buildings have been

At this point the speaker was interrupted by a woman named Mrs. Kuhner in the audience, and from then on every one took a hand. Mrs. Kuhner, who said her father designed the first seal and many father designed the first seal and many of the banknotes for California, announced that she had been on her way to Europe to see her grandchildren, but the earthquake has interrupted the trip.

"And now I'm sending the money I would have spent," she said, "to my people that they may buy bread and cloth——" The woman broke down at this point and sank back solbhing.

back sobbing.

Men and women stood up now in all parts of the house to offer suggestions or to ask questions. Often two or three tried to speak at once. He tried to reassure the anxspeak at once. He tried to reassure the anxious by saying that the homeless could make their way to the Presidio, in the vicinity of which 500,000 could be crowded. Also there were vast quantities of water and rations at the Presidio, Oakland and surrounding towns, Mr. Redding said, and insisted that the homeless would not suffer greatly for lack of food and water.

"We Californians understand conditions

"We Californians understand conditions out there now better than New Yorkers," said Mr. Redding in an effort to get back to practical work. "Therefore I want two practical work. Therefore I want two or three committees appointed now to see Mayor McClellan, Mr. Jesup and others in charge of funds to tell them that what is needed most is covering—tents, blankets, clothing—for 300,000 homeless people. I make a motion also that a committee company of Mrs. Bates, Miss Blancha, Bates, and the proceder of Mrs. Bates, Miss Blancha, Bates. posed of Mrs. Bates, Miss Blanche Bates, Mrs. Vivian, president of the California Club, and Miss Margaret Anglin, go imme-

diately to the dry goods district and ask for contributions of clothing."

Mr. Twain asked for the approval of the meeting and the motion was carried. Then Mr. Twain read the following telegram, which was later sent to Mayor Schmitz:

San Francisco shall rise more beautiful than ever. We gory in the bravery of her citizens and have unbounded belief in the ability and determination to survive this great catas rophe. The spirit of y ur fathers still lives in their children and their children's children. The generous and spontaneous aid of the old country is with you.

SAMUEL L. CLEMENS,

JOSEPH D. REDDING. For the Californians in New York. Miss Ida Hermies rose to azk whether there was any way the telegrams of in-quiry sent by anxicus relatives here could have precedence over commercial mes-

Mr. Redding replied that in all his investigations he could find only five persons who had received answers to their messages who had received must be patient until better communication was established. In mediately several arose to say they mad received messages this morning. One nessage read by a Mrs. Heustis said merely:

"All are well."

Mrs. Prescott, who was sitting in a box,

fathers, brothers and others will be present. The play is to be "The Critte." by Sheridan. The undertaking is being managed by Marie-Louise Fontaine, '66, with the following committee: Marjorie F. Brown, '66; Evangeline Cole, '67; Agnes Miller, '08; and Eva Vom Bauer, '66.

There are to be three performances as follows: April 27, matines and evening, and April 28, evening. The evening performances are to be followed by dancing. sages.
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rose and read this message from her rela-tives, which she had just received; "We

rose and read this message from her relatives, which she had just received; "We are safe and happy, but poor."

"I'd like to see a committee appointed," said Charles K. Summerwell, "to gather together second hand clothing, which we can all give, and which is one of the prime necessities. Let this clothing be turned over to the Salvation Army for distrigulation."

Mrs. Vivian immediately offered the California Club's rooms at the Wardorf as a centre for leaving contributions and requested that all telegrams that gave information of any third person in the ruined city be also left at the club, where they could be posted.

A suggestion was followed that all present willing to help leave their cards and business addresses with the chair, and a great many handed their names over the footlights.

Then there were proposals for the formation of a relief club of Native Sons and Mr. Redding asked that the theatrical and must be a comparable and together a comparitor to side

cal people get together a committee to aid the members of their own profession. Mr. Redding appointed Henry Miller treasurer of the fund for the player folk. Ernest Piexotto, the illustrator, rose to

tell of a meeting to be held at Miss Delmar's studio in the Holbein studio building, Fifty-fifth street, to-morrow morning, when New York and San Francisco artists would perplans for a sale of original drawings the they will contribute to add to the Mr. Redding said in answer to a question

that the best person to send telegrams of inquiry to was the postmaster of San "But if you'll be patient," he said, "you'll find the newspapers will get the names you want, if anybody can. Leave it to them."

The chair announced another meeting to be held at the Waldorf on Monday after-

CALIFORNIA'S GRATITUDE.

Senator Perkins Expresses It in an Affecting Speech in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 21.-Senator Perkins of California made a brief but affecting speech in the Senate to-day acknowledging the telegram of sympathy sent by the Brazilian Senate on the San Francisco calamity. At its conclusion the Senator moved that the Vice-President be instructed to make proper acknowledgment on behalf of the Senate of the telegram, which was promptly and unanimously adopted. Mr. Perkins said:

"The expression will be appreciated by the people of my afflicted State, and while voicing the sentiments of the Senate of the United States I desire also to make in their behalf heartfelt acknowledgement. I must also take this opportunity to acknowledge the great debt of gratitude due to the Government of the United States for the large sums of money contributed in aid of the sufferers and the splendidly efficient manner in which the different departments are carrying on their work of relief, and to the people of the different States and cities of the Union who have contributed millions upon millions of dollars to assist the homeless, the hungry and the suffering. I desire to say that California will never be able to adequately express its deep appreciation.

"Great disasters like that which has occurred on the Pacific coast bring out most strongly the fact that the different peoples of the world are, after all, one in of race and language are external only, which are swept away by calamity, bringing out clearly the ultimate fact that all men are brothers, whatever portion of the globe they inhabit. As kindness and consideration are vestly belieful. sideration are vastly helpful to the indi-vidual overwhelmed by a great loss, so will the expressions of brotherly sympathy from the different nations of the earth help my afflicted State to bear more easily her

great burden of sorrow.

"I believe that our stricken city will recover from the blow with wonderful rapidity, and will justify the design of its official seal, which bears a Phænix issuing new born from the flames, with the motto, force an page form an agreement or 'Gold eat burden of sorrow. 'Oro en pase, ferre en guerra,' or 'Gold in peace, iron in war.' In her present war with the elements San Francisco will show her mettle, and surely raise again and continue to be the great metropolis of

the Pacific Coast State."

Mr. Perkins also wished to express his appreciation of the efforts of the railroads in furnishing transportation for the penni-less refugees and the supplies.

MOTHER DEAD, WHERE IS SON? Inquiry From San Francisco' About a New York Suicide.

Coroner Harbur er received the following letter yesterday afternoon:

OAKLAND, Cal., April 16.
GENTLEMAN: On a steamer from Madeira, Portugal, came a woman who committed suicide at the Ellis Island immigration depot. The steamer arrived February 10. A son of the deceased, residing in San Francisco, is anxious to know more about this case. Her name was Maria Rosa. We will be very thankful to you for any information. Yours truly, J. DE MENEZES.

The paper on which the letter was written showed that Menezes is the editor of O Ara-

showed that Menezes is the editor of *O Araulo*, the only Portuguese newspaper printed on the Pacific slope.

The suicide referred to is down on the Coroner's books as Rosa Maria Gonzales. She was 85 years old, and arrived here on the steamship Sicilian Prince on February 10. On the night of February 15 she threw herself out of a window on the top floor of the detention building, and she died shortly afterward. In a belt about her waist were found thirty ten dollar gold pieces, fourfound thirty ten dollar gold pieces, four-teen silver dollars and a gold watch and

The body was sent to the Morgue and two-days later was turned over to the immigra-tion authorities and buried in the Ever-

greens Cemetery.
The more The money and valuables found on the body are in the possession of the Coroner, and will be sent to the dead woman's son, if it is possible to find him in the ruined city. Coroner Harburger has written to

Editor Menezes.

Mrs. Maria Rosa Gonzales, as the Coroners' records have her, came from San Francisco and had been visiting relatives in Portugal. The reason why she was de-tained was that she declared to the im-

MEN TO SEE BARNARD SHOW.

"The Critic" Selected for the Annual Undergraduate Dramatic Performance.

The annual dramatic performance given by the Undergraduate Association of Barnard College promises to be more than usually interesting this year. The usual conservative policy of admitting only the \ go to their home in Louisville. girl friends of the students has been abandoned at the suggestion of Dean Gill, and fathers, brothers and others will be present

BAIL TO ABE HUMMEL STANDS. Appellate Division Unanimously Sustains Justice Woodward's Course.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn has handed down a decision unanimously affirming the decision of Justice John Woodward of the Appellate Division in admitt n: Abe Hummel to bail in the sum of \$10,000. The opinion is written by Justice Gaynor and is concurred in by Justices Hirschberg, Jenks, Hooker and Rich.

December 30 last Hummel was convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case and was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and a fine of \$500. He was taken to the Tombs and locked up, but the same day Justice Woodward was appealed to and he granted an order that District Attorney Jerome must show cause why a certificate of reason. able doubt should not be issued. At the same time he released Hummel on \$10,000 bail. District Attorney Jerome was incensed at the action of Justice Woodward in admitting Humme! to bail and contended that the Justice had no jurisdiction in the matter. He began proceedings to test Justice Woodward's right to admit a convicted person to bail pending the granting of a certificate of reasonable doubt. The result was that Mr. Hummel, who with counsel was in Justice Woodward's office at the time, was rearrested and immediately a writ of habeas corpus was granted and Justice Woodward granted the writ releas-ing Hummel from arrest. Then an appeal was taken to the Appellate Division against Justice Woodward's decision Justice Gaynor explains the law at considerable length and concludes as follows:

The requirement of notice to the District Attorney and service upon him of a specification of the grounds of the application, before a certificate of reasonable doubt, which operates as a stay pending the appeal, can be granted, is not, in the absence of language indicating a contrary intention on the part of the Legislature, to be taken as an implied teprivation of the power of the Justice to whom the application is addressed to let the defendant to bail pending the application, when, in the exercise of the power expressly given him by the same section, he has stayed the execution of the judgment for the purposes of the application.

These requirements serve a useful purpose in preventing the issuance of ex parte stays, operative until final judgment, but they do not require the arbitrary imprisonment of a defendant who in good faith intends to prosecute an appeal upon grounds which prima facie satisfy the Judge to whom the application is made that there is reasonable doubt whether the conviction should stand. The supposition that the Legislature intended that a convicted defendant, though abundantly entitled to a stay pending appeal, must undergo actual incarceration in order to afe District Attorney an opportunity to contest his application is utterly at variance with the motive and spirit of the legislation under consideration, which was intended postpone the infliction of the penalty following a conviction of doubtful validity. This purpose would not be furthered by the detention in jail of a defendant prima facie entitled to a stay and bail whose surrender in execution of the judgment could be as sured by a sufficient undertaking. 'A temporary stay, so far from being of any benefit to a defendant, would operate to his distinct disadvantage unless bail were allowed, for the only effect would be to add to the term of the sentence a period of preliminary im-prisonment. We cannot believe the Legislature contemplated any such incongruity.

The District Attorney lays some stress upon the fact that the Code, while prescrib-ing the form of undertaking to be given where there is a stay pending appeal, makes no provision for an undertaking for the denever seemed to have any money except the seemed to have a see fendant's surrender if his application for such a stay is denied. We regard this as a mere casus omissus. The power to let bail in either case being expressly conferred, the absence of an appropriate statutory form of bond

SHERLEY-CRITTEN.

Kentucky Congressman Married to Girl Who Was With Taft Philippines Jaunt.

Miss Mignon Critten and Representative Swagar Sherley of Louisville, Ky., were married yesterday afternoon at Olivecrest, the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. De Fees Critten, Grymes Hill, Staten Island. The Venerable Archdeacon George D. Johnson, rector emeritus of Christ Church, Staten Island, performed the ceremony and was assisted by the Rev. Frank W. Crowder of the same church.

Miss Marjorie Critten attended the bride as maid of honor and there were no brides-maids. Henry Clifford Smith of Louisville Ky., was the best man, and Richard F. Ely of Washington, D. C.: John Lory of Bear Springs, Tenn.: Samuel Bland, William Mars

porary chancel and altar, with background lilies of the valley.

The bride wore a costume made of material which she brought from Japan when she was there with the Taft Philippine party. It was made over white satin in princess fashion and was trimmed with duchess lace. and her duchess lace veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms. Her chief orna-ment was a diamond butterfly, presented by the bridegroom. The bride was given away

by her father. The bridal dinner was served at small tables on the veranda. The bridal party was seated at a large table trimmed with pink roses in pink hats. The favors were hand painted slippers filled with rice, and also pictures of the bride and bridegroom. Representative Nicholas Longworth sent a telegram yesterday morning with his re-grets, as Mrs. Longworth was ill and unable to come. Secretary Taft, who fully intended to come on for the wedding, also sent a telegram, saying that he could not come because

of the San Francisco disaster The Taft party sent the bride a gift of an aquamarine pendant, surrounded by pearls and diamonds on a fine gold chain. This was a duplicate of the gift to Miss Roosevelt. Secretary Taft sent as a personal gift a large silver bowl.

The Kentucky delegation of the House of Representatives sent the bridegroom a large loving cup. Mr. and Mrs. Critten gave their daughter a silver tea service.

The bride was with the Taft party on the entire trip and went with Miss Roosevelt, now Mrs. Longworth, to China. Representa-Representative and Mrs. Sherley will after a brief bridal trip, go to Washington for the remainder of the season, and will then

St. George's Society Dinner.

Lieut.-Gen. Corbin, now the ranking officer of the United States Army; Rear Admiral Coghlan, United States Navy; Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Minister to Spain; Count Gleichen, military attaché of the British Embassy at Washington, and Jerome K. Jerome will be among the speakers at the annual dinner of the St. George's Society to-morrow night at the Waldorf-Astoria.

WHY NO HIGH PRESSURE MAINS

IT TAKES MANHATTAN SOME TIME TO GET STARTED.

Doubt About Location of New Subways Said to Be the Reason for the Delay-At Any Rate, a Year Is Gone and We Haven't Got the Mains Yet on This Island.

The San Francisco fire has served to draw attention to the fact that the auxiliary high pressure water service which was planned for this city has not yet been laid down, although the money for the purpose was appropriated more than a year and a half ago. The need for such a service was pointed out by Mayor McClellan in his 1905 message to the Aldermen, when he

"The disastrous conflagrations occurring last winter in Baltimore, Rochester and Toronto, together with the large fires in our own city, emphasized the need of more adequate distribution of water for fire purposes. Recommendations were made and appropriations were obtained last year for an independent high pressure service at Coney Island, and in the river front, high office building and dry goods districts. At Coney Island there was to be one central station and provision made for utilizing either salt or fresh water. The river front, high office building and dry goods districts in this borough will have a main station and a reserve station, and also provision for either fresh or salt water."

The Coney Island system has been completed and is now in operation, but work on the installation of the auxiliary service designed for Manhattan has not been begun, so far as the laying of the mains is concerned. That part of the borough below Fourteenth street is to be equipped with the high pressure pipes. The district was divided into three sections and hids for putting down the mains were advertised for some months ago. The bids were opened about six weeks ago, but no awards have been made. The contracts for the pumping stations have been let and the work of construction is propeeding

When Commissioner Ellison of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Elec ricity was asked yesterday to explain the delay in beginning work on the mains. he said: "Because of the large number of streets which will have to be opened there is an enormous amount of prelimi-nary work to be done in the way of mapping nary work to be done in the way of mapping out where and how the mains shall be laid, so as to interfere least with the traffic while the work is being done. Then there has been difficulty with the officials of the Borough President's departments in arranging for the issue of the necessary permits to tear up the streets, and that has led to further loss of time." Mr. Ellison said, however, that he in-tended to push forward the settlement of all these preliminary details so that the work could be begun with as little further

work could be begun with as little further delay as possible.

That was all Mr. Ellison would permit himself to say, but it has been generally understood at the City Hall that the real cause of the delay has been the desire of some of the city officials that the work of putting in the new system should be held back until the routes of the new subways have been approved by the Appellate Division. The building of the new subways will necessitate the changing to a large extent of the existing mains on the streets under which the subways will pass. In order to guard against any possibity of shifting the new mains when once laid, some of the heads of the government have been waiting for the final determination of the new tunnel routes before going ahead with the proroutes before going ahead with the projected high pressure water service plans.

The Appellate Division is expected to pass on most of these routes before May 1.

LETTERS OF A HUMAN WRECK Found on Corpse, They Indicate That Mar Was Once a Well to Do London Doctor.

A wreck, who was known as George Lum ley in the cheap lodging house at 20 North William street, just off that part of Park row where human wrecks are plentiful, died on Friday afternoon. He had lived at never seemed to have any money except what he picked up occasionally, and this was quickly spent for whis key. On the night before he died Lumley made many trips to the nearest bar during the night from his little partitioned room, in which was stuck a bed.

He was in pretty bad shape when he finally dragged himself up the stairs of the lodging house at the approach of dawn on Friday morning. He said he felt quite ill and wanted to be allowed to sleep late into the day. When an attendant went to call him at 2:45 o'clock Friday afternoon Lumley was dead.

The body was sent to the Morgue and papers found on it there seem to indicate that the dead man was Dr. George R. Langley, a London physician, formerly living at 11 Lambeth Place avenue, that city. There are many letters directed to him at that address. No money was found in the pockets of the dead man and there was

nothing of value.

Many of the letters were from Mrs. J. L.
Merrifield of 24 Cheltenham place, London, and all of them addressed Langley as "Brother." Most of the letters were of an encouraging nature. The writer wished he recipient good luck and success in his

new venture.

Among the papers was an elaborately engraved card at the top of which was the name "Evelyn Chadwick." In the centre of the card was the following:

was written in silver ink:

American Embassy, October 19, 1904 The body was sent to the Morgue to await a claim by relatives or friends. Although the man died early Friday afternoon no report of the case was made to the Coroner's

report of the case was made to the Coroner's office until yesterday.

Coroner Harburger found that the case had been reported to the police of the Oak street station house, and that the body was searched and sent to the Morgue without the consent of the Coroner. Harburger announced last night that he would prefer charges against Capt. Edward S. Walling, the commander of the precinct, the sergeant who had the desk at the time and the policeman who had the case.

JAIL KEEPERS TO GO. Sheriff Flaherty Suspends Two Delinquent M. O. Men.

Sheriff Flaherty of Brooklyn has suspended two of the keepers in Raymond street jail who, he reports, had been engaged in petty grafting by favoring prisoners who were able to pay for it. The suspended keepers were active in the M. O. organization. They were receiving \$1,200 salary. Both will have to give up their jail jobs, but they will not be prosecuted. Sheriff Flaherty said:

"Every employee of the jail might as

"Every employee of the jail might as well understand now that while I am Sheriff no graft, great or small, will be tolerated in Raymond street."

The cornerstone of the new St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church at Thirty-fourth street and Ninth avenue will be laid by Archbishop Farley at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The building of the new church was special to the clurch at Thirty-sixth street to make way for the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal. The new church is being built by the com-

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TO EACH OF 700 A GERANIUM

LITTLE MOTHERS GO LADEN WITH POTTED PLANTS.

Struggles Against Adversity for the Prizes Offered to All Who Had Kept Their Plants Alive for a Whole Year-And Some of Those Who Lost Still Won.

Seven hundred "little mothers" of the East Side, ranging in age from 4 to 12 years, marched out of Webster Hall in East Eleventh street yesterday afternoon, each carrying in her arms a potted geranium in bloom, the gift of the Little Mothers' Aid Society.

But what a time there was in the hall before the plants were distributed. The association offered a prize last year to every little mother who would keep her plant alive until the next Easter festival. A good many won out, and most of those who didn't had mighty interesting complaints to make

"Please, miss," sobbed one little girl, tears trickling down her cheeks, "give me one that won't do it ag'in. I tried so hard-honest and truly I did-but they must have been something the matter with it when I got it. I didn't do nothin' 'cept put on water jes' the way you told meno I didn't-but the posy went away. come back ag'in by and by but in a different spot. It got big when it was gone away and Sis, who is older than me, said it growed jes' like I do. But now [and the tears came faster it's gone again an' I guess it ain't never comin' back, 'cause it never stayed away such a long time before. Please miss, can't you give me one this time that'll stay in our home all the time?"

The teacher explained that this was quite impossible, but notified the little mother that she certainly had won one of the prizes. "I'd been in on the win, too," said one little girl who lives near the Bowery, "if it hadn't been fur me brudder Bill. He cuts off de plant fur a full dress bouquet fur his rag when I had on'y two weeks t' go."

One little Italian girl who lived in a back her plant industriously. On the bright sunny days she had taken it with her to the roof, "cause it couldn't get as much sunlight as it ought t' have in our house." the cold weather she wrapped it in her dress at night and tucked it under her bed. Two at night and tucked it under her bed. Two weeks ago she had set it on the fire escape just to give it its first spring airing, "an' the dirty old wall of the house fell down." The plant was buried under the bricks, but the little girl watched day after day while the debris was being cleared, herself carrying a brick or two at a time when the work. the débris was being cleared, herself carrying a brick or two at a time when the workmen would let her. What she found was scarcely recognizable as the remains of a geranium, but she had it with her at the celebration yesterday. There was no doubt about this litle girl being entitled to a place on the honor roll. Besides the distribution of the plants, there were singing and recitations by the "little mothers" and plenty of its cream and cake.

tations by the "little mothers" and plenty of ice cream and cake.

The little mothers came from all parts of the East Side. There was a good sized delegation from the Syrian quarter in Washington street. After the festival was all over the little girls, in groups of twenty-five or thirty each, were escorted to their homes by policemen or the members of the aid association.

One policeman from the Delancey street

the aid association.

One policeman from the Delancey street station who had a crowd of little girls from the Cherry Hill district had his hands full. They pulled his coattails, clung to his legs and danced about him in the wildest glee. But he was the most fatherly kind of a cop. He patted the little ones on the head, warned them that they would head their plants. them that they would break their plants unless they behaved and at the same time shooed away a crowd of Bowery gamins who had been attracted by the flowery

procession.
"Say, Liz, put us wise t' doze t'ings you're luggin'. What be dey?" said one of the ragamuffins to a girl in the group.
"Geroiniums, y' bloke," said she, her nose tilted in the air.

CADET NATIONAL GUARD OUT. It Parades 3,000 Strong in Brooklynspected in the Park.

The Cadet National Guard was out in full force in Brooklyn yesterday for its annual inspection, drill and parade. There were fully 3,000 in line, attired in neat uniform. The guard is composed of the cadet corps of the various national guard regiments, boys' brigades attached to the Sunday schools and public schools, and the American volunteer cadets. They assembled at Bedford avenue and the Eastern Parkway. With bands playing and colors flying they marched to the Parade Grounds at Prospect Park, and then the annual inspection took place.

Following this was a drill, after which Following this was a drill, after which they marched in review before Capt. W. Atwood French, the grand marshal, and his staff. When the exercises at the park had been completed and the boys had taken a rest they reformed for parade and review and then marched to the Eastern Parkway, paying a marching salute to the Gen. Slocum statue. With alignments almost perfect, they passed in front of the Union League Club, from which they were reviewed by Gen. Horatio C. King and Adjutant*General George H. Jackson of the G. A. R. When George H. Jackson of the G. A. R. When the line reached Bedford and Lafayette avenues the parade was dismissed. The Cadet National Guard will again parade with the veterans on Memorial Day.

Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, Jr., of 722 Fifth avenue, gave birth to a daughter on Friday. Both mother and child are reported to be doing well. Herrman Will Go to Grand Jury With M. O Petition Forgeries.

Park Commissioner Moses Herrman is going to contest the election of Edgar J. Leuer, who was the successful candidat

on the Republican and Municipal Ownership League tickets for Justice of the Municipal Court, Fourteenth district. Commissioner Herrman was his opponent. Commissioner Herrman says he wante to go before the Grand Jury and tell his story in connection with the investigation

of the "signatures" on the petition that nominated William R. Hearst for Mayor on which there were 6,500 names. Mr. Herrman says he can corroborate the story of Benjamin M. Goldberger, the commissioner of deeds who has confessed that the names on the petition that nominated Lauer were fraudulent. Goldberger says that there were a number of names of dead men on the Lauer petition.

Mr. Herrman said yesterday that one of the names on the Lauer petition was that of Nathan J. Schloss, who died in August, 1904. Mr. Herrman has an affidavit from Gustav E. Schloss, Nathan's nephew, who says he attended his uncle's funeral. Mr. Herrman wants to present this affidavit and other evidence he has to the Grand Jury. Mr. Herrman says he hopes to upset the election of Lauer.

The Grand Jury will take up again this week the investigation of the Hearst petitions. Indictments may be found before the week is over. At least one Assembly man will be indicted, and there is hope of getting the "man higher up."

POISONOUS CANDY CRUSADE. Consumers' League Aroused by Delay in Investigating Child's Death.

The death of a child in this city last week after eating green colored candy, following the death of another child on February 25 under similar circumstances, has stirred up the Consumers' League to demand that the city authorities place the responsibility for these fatalities and take steps to prevent the sale of poisonous

An agent of the league, Miss Mary Sherman, after investigating the February case, reported on April 9 that although Coroner Harburger had considered that the child's death demanded a post-mortem examination, no result of that examination had been reported; no chemical analysis of either the candy or the child's stomach had been made by a city official, and the matter apparently had been dropped The death certificate filed by the child's physician, Dr. William McAlpin, gave the cause of death as gastro enteritis and congestion of the brain. He is still waiting for the result of the post-mortem, which he expects will show that there was poison in the child's stomach. Miss Sherman's report, which appears in the curren issue of Charities and the Commons, adds:

still in ignorance as to its real cause, and this same store are not yet informed as to

the nature of the poisoning.

The general public has forgotten the case Persons who read the accounts in the paper were probably satisfied to see that the Corone was to take action in the matter. The public does not know that the only way for the Coroner to have such an examination would be to have a sum appropriated from the contingency fund which is under the control of the District Attorney, and that to pay a large sum to ascertain definitely how

warranted extravagance! kind? How is it that a child died on Febru ary 25, apparently of poison, and that by April 9 we are still in ignorance of the cause

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The situation involves more than the promptness to act, or lack of promptness of a New York Coroner. It raises the ques tion squarely, not only of the need for national or State pure food legislation, such as is agitating the country, but that in every city more definite responsibility should be placed on some official department to act and to act thoroughly, in such cases. If it were a case of dollars and cents—the setting fire to a building, for instance, by defective wiring—the first instance would be the last. But when it's the life of a little girl the public

BROKER PAGE'S GRATITUDE.

for Dead Firemen's Children. Fire Commissioner John H. O'Brien re ceived in his mail yesterday a check for \$250, sent by William H. Page, Jr., a broker at 32 Liberty street. Mr. Page asked that the money be distributed among the widows and children of the four firemen who lost their lives in the Downing street fire a

Mr. Page added that he sent the check in recognition of work that the firemen did in saving his home, at 47 West Seventyfourth street, when it was on fire three weeks ago.

Baseball for Benefit of San Francisco Sufferers.

Brooklyn National League players will play fth for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers.

Admission will be by voluntary contribution the same plan that was adopted last Sunday, for the Brooklyn-Boston game.

TO CONTEST LAUER'S ELECTION. RARE ORIENTAL RUGS ON VIEW

JOHN KIMBERLY MUMFORD'S COLLECTION EXHIBITED.

Beautles of the Weaver's Art Described at Length by Mr. Mumford Himself— Samarkand Rugs Really Chinese—Fine Examples of Color Mastery Shown

An exhibition of Oriental rugs was opened in the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries yesterday which people who appreciate these wonderful works of the weaver's art will regard it a privilege to see. The exhibition is made up of a collection of 500 of these Asiatic floor coverings, brought together by John Kimberly Mumford, author of "Oriental Rugs," a standard work on this fascinating subject. The rugs are to be sold on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Satur-

day next.

This is an unusual exhibition, not only in its general nature, but in the fact that the visitor may have the benefit of what might be called the personal guidance of Mr. Mumford, seeing the rugs with his eyes and with the benefit of his knowledge. He says in

the catalogue of No. 300: "This Persian silk rug is an object lesson as well as a thing of beauty. Viewed the 'light way' there is no color in this entire rug which is not attenuated to the last degree. The greens, yellows and blues are all of the lightest, and even further delicacy is attained by the white spaces in the borders, upon which the suggestion of

floral forms is depicted. "Seen in its darker aspect, a wonderful transformation occurs, and the rug becomes a study in vellow and green tones. in which the blue appears almost imperceptible. The whites mentioned in the border are now a rosy tone and represent pomegranates growing upon very realistic branches. The flower devices all through the rug take on a new strength; and the corners and centres have become deep toned grounds of green and blue. Altogether one of the most fascinating and

illusive of silk fabrics." In many instances Mr. Mumford has put a great deal of technical information in the catalogue. He explains what some purchasers of these rugs have not yet learned, that the rugs commonly called Samarkand are Chinese rugs. There is a rug of Mesopotamia which the owner declares discloses the color mastery of the Kurdish weavers in a way such that it needs no further demonstration. He gives rather a long and interesting disquisition on a red centred prayer rug, which bears within itself evidence that it was woven by Persian artists taken captive and forced to work by the Turks? Included in the collection are eight origi-

Included in the collection are eight originals of plates in Mr. Mumford's book, "Oriental Rugs." It is an exhibition and a sale to attract the interest of all who like Oriental rugs, and it may be said incidentally that there are undoubtedly more of these rugs of high character owned in this coun-

rugs of high character owned in this country than in any other. The country is fortunate, for the fine old rugs are becoming more and more scarce.

"It is only a turn of the wheel," says Mr. Mumford, "since the Russian Railway was finished, traversing the cheerless Yomud territory to the east of the Caspian " Where the locomotive blackens the sky the German drummer with his aniline dye samples is the first passenger, and the German artist, coming out to draw designs for Persian looms, is the second " We are seeing the last of the old time Oriental rug, the purest and perhaps the most perfect expression of all the panoramic life and profound artistic impulse of Asia."

DEATH GAVE CLUE TO THIEVES. New York Central Switching Crews Ac

cused of Wholesale Freight Car Looting. Van Buren Golden, Rudolph Daun and Charles E. Edwards, members of a switching crew in the New York Central freight yards here, were arraigned in the West Side police court yesterday, charged with looting freight cars. They were held in \$1,500 bail for an examination on May 2.

company say they are in a fair way to solve the wholesale robbing of freight cars, which has puzzled them for a long time, and which involved the loss of thousands of dollars worth of silks, gloves, lace curtains, shoes and other merchandise of all sorts. They say they got their clue three weeks

Detectives employed by the railroad

ago, when Charles McCarthy, a brakeman, was run over and beheaded by a locomotive in the yards at Seventy-second street and North River. When he was searched for marks of identification the authorities found a quantity of silk gloves fastened around his waist. Detective McLean in New York and De

tective Kivelin at Albany put a close watch on the switching crews, and the arrest of Golden, Daun and Edwards followed: The Golden, Daun and Edwards followed. The detectives say they found a lot of stolen goods in the homes of the men arrested, who live around Albany. Some of the loot was recovered in the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Building at Seventy-second street. They expect to arrest at least a dozen more employees, all of whom are members of the switching crews.

Manager Ed Rice Gets Ball in Baltimore. BALTIMORE, April 21.-Edward E. Rice; the theatrical man and producer of the extravaganzas "Evangeline," "1492" and others, who was brought to this city last night from New York by detectives, was locked up over night at the Central police station. This morning he was released on \$1,500 bail to await the action of the criminal court on the charge of defrauding three local hotels of board bills aggre-gating \$388, which were incurred when his last venture, "The Merry Shop Girls,"